MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): I submit, Sir, that question has already been answered. If I am to answer this question again, it would only be a repetition of what I have already said.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Kottarakara* cum *Kunnattur*): Sir, I have a doubt to be cleared. Unlike in the case of other official matters, Government were induced to conclude that the officers who did not supply the information required in time were not at fault. Sir, I wish to know the ground, the particular ground, for the Government to conclude like that?

PRESIDENT: I believe the answers given by the official member would indicate sufficiently well that, having regard to the nature of the question and having regard to the correspondence that passed between the Head of the Department and the Government, there was no such delay as to induce Government to take any action. Government therefore thought that no action need be taken in the matter, and did not therefore call for any explanation.

Accommodation in the Ophthalmic Hospital.

13. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the largest number of in-patients that had to be accommodated at one time in the Ophthalmic Hospital;

(*b*) the number of beds that are available in the Ophthalmic Hospital for the accommodation of in-patients; and

(*c*) whether any difficulty is experienced in providing accommodation for the in-patients that resort to the institution?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) 69,

(*b*) 51.

(*c*) Yes; and steps are being taken with a view to provide additional accommodation.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): With regard to part (*b*) of the answer, may I know how many in-patients could be accommodated in the permanent building of the Ophthalmic Hospital?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Of course, the answer given is in regard to the accommodation available in the permanent building.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Am I to understand that the member is not aware of some temporary sheds being put up for accommodating the in-patients?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): If there be any temporary sheds, I do not find them from the records available, before me.

Appointments made in the Police Department during 1105 and 1106.

14. MR. P. S. MAHOMED (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of appointments made during 1105 and 1106 in the Police Department and the number of Muslims who got such appointments?

LIBRARY ARCHIVES Kerala Legislative Assembly